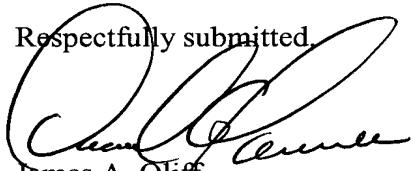


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-27 are pending and allowed in this application. By this Amendment, the specification is amended to comport with revisions made to the Figures in response to a Notice of Draftspersons Patent Drawing Review dated February 1, 2000. A set of formal drawings reflecting the changes to the drawings shown herein has been submitted to the Official Draftsperson.

The amendments do not substantively impact the claims or any of the subject matter of the application. Further, the Issue Fee has not yet been paid. Thus, entry of the amendments to the specification is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number set forth below, should any questions arise regarding this matter.

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